

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Thomas NILSSON

Serial No. (unknown)

Filed herewith

PARTICLE FLOW CONTROL
ONTO CHUCK

*#2a
Preliminary
Amendment*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 10 as follows:

--10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, comprising the further step of using one or more ion sources to make electric contact without physical contact with one or more electrodes on a back side of said electrostatic chuck, in order to connect one or more controlled potentials to electrodes thus creating one or more necessary electric fields emanating from the electrodes for transportation of charged particles to the target area or areas in the dose forming process.--

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